

Introduced by Senator Lieu

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An act to amend Section 14200 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce development.

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SB 698, as introduced, Lieu. Workforce development: high-performance boards.

The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate. Existing law contains various programs for job training and employment investment, including work incentive programs, as specified. Existing law requires the local chief elected officials in a local workforce development area, to form, pursuant to specified guidelines, a local workforce investment board to plan and oversee the workforce investment system, and further requires the Governor to certify one local board for each local area in the state once every 2 years.

This bill would require the Governor to establish, through the California Workforce Investment Board, a process by which to delineate high-performance boards and only these boards would be eligible to receive state discretionary funds and grants, as specified. The bill would require high-performance boards, among other things, to meet specified federal performance criteria, meet state statutory requirements, and develop and implement local planning processes and workforce initiatives.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14200 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

14200. (a) The local chief elected officials in a local workforce development area shall form, pursuant to guidelines established by the Governor and the board, a local workforce investment board to plan and oversee the workforce investment system.

(b) The Governor shall certify one local board for each local area in the state once every two years, following the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

(c) *The Governor shall establish, through the California Workforce Investment Board, a process by which to delineate high performance boards. Each high performance boards shall do all of the following:*

(1) *Meet the federal performance criteria for the local workforce investment Area.*

(2) *Meet the statutory requirements of the California Workforce Investment Act.*

(3) *Develop and implement a local plan consistent with the state strategic plan, demonstrating that it has aligned resource use in the local workforce investment area with the goals and objectives of the state plan.*

(4) *Demonstrate that its local planning process involves key stakeholders, including the major employers and industry groups in the relevant regional economy and organized labor.*

(5) *Demonstrate that the local planning process takes into account the entire workforce training pipeline for the relevant regional economy, including partners in K-12 education, career technical education, the community college system, other postsecondary institutions, and other local workforce investment areas operating in relevant regional economy.*

(6) *Demonstrate that the local planning process and plan are data driven, and that policy decisions at the local level are evidence based. High performance boards shall use labor market data to develop and implement the local plan, taking care to steer resources into programs and services that are relevant to the needs of each workforce investment area's relevant regional labor market and high-wage industry sectors. Local workforce investment areas shall demonstrate an evidence-based approach to policymaking*

1 *by establishing performance benchmarks and targets to measure*
2 *progress toward local goals and objectives.*

3 *(7) Demonstrate investment in workforce initiatives, and,*
4 *specifically, training programs that promote skills development*
5 *and career ladders relevant to the needs of each workforce*
6 *investment area's regional labor market and high-wage industry*
7 *sectors.*

8 *(8) Establish a youth strategy aligned with the needs of each*
9 *workforce investment area's regional labor market and high-wage*
10 *industry sectors.*

11 *(d) Only a board that is delineated as a high-performance board*
12 *by the California Workforce Investment Board shall be eligible to*
13 *receive federal funds, pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment*
14 *Act, as state discretionary funds and grants distributed by the state.*